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October 30, 1995

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Dear Mr. Reed Hundt,

I am writing in support of your proposal for three hours per week of educational programming for children. I take this position because I believe that television has become a babysitter for many children across the nation. Since this is the case, I believe that there should be less violent programs on television and more educational programs. Children need to be educated and television should help to provide that education.

I have come up with a solution that may be a little different then the one you have come up with. I purpose that the FCC pay for the transition to the second channel for digital television, which is already being done, but only if the broadcasters provide the three hours per week of children's programming. The broadcasters will still be able to trade all but one of those hours among themselves. If the broadcasters do not provide the three hours per week, then they must pay for the transition to digital television themselves. The FCC should give the money, that they saved on transition costs, to PBS to provide for children's programming.

If this is not a good solution I would like to know what your solution is going to be, because it is of interest to me. Again I would like to lend you my support for this proposal.

Sincerely,

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Secretary  
FCC  
1919 M Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We feel that the lives of our children are being destroyed by the constant exposure to sex and violence on television. We agree with Keith Geiger, president of National Education Association, that the federal government must clamp down on the television industry to save our children and our future.

NEA President Geiger writes in the Washington Post Weekly:

"Every television sold in America should come equipped with a V-chip, a computer chip that parents can program to block out violent shows. . . . Every broadcaster should be required to develop a Contract for Kids and Community, spelling out in concrete detail how it intends to give parents a choice of nonviolent, decent, and educational programming. Then the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) could base its license renewal decision on whether the broadcaster has lived up to the agreement."

We, the undersigned, see daily what unrestrained television is doing to our children. We beg the FCC to proceed along the lines spelled out by Keith Geiger for our country and our future.

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Secretary FCC  
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Dear Sir:

Television in the US is a vast wasteland especially as it applies to our youth. Most of the low income families in the US have a television even if they are short food or other necessities of life. It is about the only entertainment they can afford. The junk and trash presented to them is a national disgrace. If the originators and presenters of these programs are unwilling to accept responsibility for helping educate or establishing good moral fiber of our youth, then the FCC must take steps to encourage them to be more responsible.

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I recognize that some would rise up and decry the use of censorship. I submit they have brought it on themselves and find no one to blame but themselves.

Adequate regulation could be achieved on a voluntary basis using the club of license granting as a tool to force compliance.

In any event something drastic needs to be done quickly to make sure that our young people are at least in part shielded from the type of program they are watching today. In addition there are many positive type educational programs that could be substituted for the trash filling the airwaves today.

While my main concerns are about youth, I think the changes suggested would be good for adults too.

Sincerely yours  
Dale & Joyce Butz

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Mr. Reed E. Hundt  
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Dear Mr. Hundt,

I am in favor of and desperately want Children's educational and informational television programming. We have too much of what I consider mind numbing TV for children. We need a decision that **REQUIRES** broadcasters to air good, educational television for children for AT LEAST 3 hours a day. I would like to see a great deal more. Why not? Aren't our children worth it? We miss a golden opportunity to educate our children at a time that schools are having so much trouble doing just that. AND, everyone might be surprised - educational TV is great fun to watch.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Reed E. Hundt, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Dear Mr. Hundt,

I recently read a copy of your speech given before the National Press Club on July 27, 1995. The ideas expressed in your speech moved me because they echoed my own feelings.

As a mother of two children ages eight and eleven I am extremely unhappy with what is available to our children on television. There was a time that television afforded families with clean wholesome entertainment. If you wanted more violence, sarcasm or scantily clad bodies you had to go to a movie theater. Now you can turn on the set any hour of the day and you will get a dose of any one or all of these. Just change the channel until you come across what you want. Except for children's educational programs, that is. You can't find them at any given hour; you have to search the TV Log with a fine tooth comb to find when they will be aired. Thank goodness for VCR's at least we have the option of taping these shows for more convenient viewing times.

Your recommendations to implement new rules and changes for children's television are to be commended. I am particularly interested in the idea of networks giving parents the power to choose the programs they want their children to see. The concept of networks and community working together to make a determination on what should be made available would be extremely effective. Local parent groups such as PTA are great resources for parent participation, I urge you to continue to work through them. Many parents feel as I do but are convinced that they are powerless.

I have read that this cause does not have the support of some of your colleagues in the FCC. This obstacle serves as motivation to those of us in the public sector to voice our concerns. I ask that you continue your fight for pro-regulation in support of children's programming. Without FCC support this cause will be pushed under the rug by networks. Please add my name to the list of regulation supporters. I will be happy to receive any literature pertaining to this topic. Please do not abandon our children.

Sincerely,

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